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SUBJECT: AIDE-MEMOIRE ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP

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1. PURSUANT TO SHUGART REQUEST REF A, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE WHICH PARAPHRASES CLOSELY THE PRESENTATION, WITH SOME REORGANIZATION AND DRAWING ON THE BACKGROUND OF REF B.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE VISIT TO BRASILIA OF UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE CHARLES W. ROBINSON ON JULY 10 AND 11 AND TO THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS HELD AT THAT TIME, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT IT WAS AGREED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMAL ECONOMIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP. THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILL LEAD THE UNITED STATES SIDE FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS AND THE US DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER AGENCIES AT THE LEVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE GROUP WILL MEET NOT LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR,

ALTERNATELY IN BRASILIA AND WASHINGTON.
AS DEEMED NECESSARY, EITHER SIDE CAN REQUEST A MEETING
OF THE GROUP THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. IT
WAS AGREED THAT THE MANDATE OF THE GROUP IS:
-- TO REVIEW ECONOMIC ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN
AT THE GLOBAL, HEMISPHERIC, AND BILATERAL LEVELS AND
TO CONSULT ON AND SEEK TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS
TO SPECIFIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE MAN-
DATE CAN BEST BE FULFILLED IF THE GROUP IS SEEN AS A
FLEXIBLE MECHANISM OPERATING IN AN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE.
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE
GROUP CAN ESTABLISH SUB-GROUPS TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC
ISSUES AS THE NEED ARISES. IT WAS AGREED, HOWEVER,
THAT SPECIFIC TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL PROBLEMS SHOULD
CONTINUE TO BE EXAMINED DIRECTLY THROUGH EXISTING
TECHNICAL CHANNELS RATHER THAN IN SUB-GROUPS.
IT WAS FURTHER AGREED TO ESTABLISH AN AUTONOMOUS
TRADE CONSULTATIVE SUB- GROUP THAT WILL MEET IN BRASILIA
WITHIN THE NEXT NINETY DAYS AND THE MANDATE OF THE
TRADE SUB-GROUP WILL BE IDENTICAL TO THAT OF THE
OVERALL GROUP, AS STATED ABOVE, WITH RESPECT TO
TRADE ISSUES. THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION OF
THE TRADE SUB-GROUP WILL BE CO-CHAIRD BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
OF THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, AND WILL
INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF
COMMERCE, TREASURY, AND AGRICULTURE, AS APPROPRIATE.
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE
CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY
OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS WILL LEAD THE BRAZILIAN
DELEGATION. IT ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT THE AGENDA
OF THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE:
--THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS,
INCLUDING THE FULL RANGE OF SPECIFIC ISSUES BEING
TREATED IN THAT FORUM;
-- BILAYERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING EXPORT
SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND PROBLEMS
OF U.S. EXPORTERS IN THE BRAZILIAN MARKET; AND
-- THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF UNITED
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STATES - BRAZILIAN TRADE.
THE UNITED STATES WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
ANY PROPOSED REVISIONS OR CONFIRMATIONS THAT THE
ABOVE VIEW OF AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING THE
JULY 10 - 11 DISCUSSIONS ACCORDS WITH THE VIEW
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL.
FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
EARLY OCTOBER APPEARS TO BE THE BEST TIME FOR

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TRADE SUB-GROUP. THE
UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE
VIEWS OF BRAZIL ON TIMING. MORE DETAILED SUGGESTIONS
WILL BE OFFERED AT A LATER DATE CONCERNING THE
SPECIFIC ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER THE AGENDA OF
THE TRADE SUB-GROUP.
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